

careless. What! had the Lord departed from me or had I stood still and not allowed him to get any nearer to me? We know that the Lord will meet us more than half way. But it very often becomes a task to go the rest of the way, and we are found standing still. I believe this indicates a lack of faith.

Faith seemed so very hard for me to acquire; but by the help of the Master my faith came and has been increased. I knew I had been converted, but often wondered whether I would be saved.

I had been a member of the Reformed church for some time but had been led to a different light on baptism about ten years ago. I thought I saw at least a chance to make one step in the foot-prints of my blessed Savior, but yet I stood still,

Now brethren I cannot allow you to think that I denounce the doctrine of the Reformed church to those who can believe it. I cannot think we will be called "Reformed" or "Brethren" in Heaven but the children of God. But I thought that I saw a chance to get closer to the Savior, and I took the step and found myself beyond where I expected to land.

The spirit must have wrestled with me, and I could not let it go until I received a blessing, and the blessing that I now need is that the Lord will help me hold out faithful and make the yoke easy and the burden light in any work I may be called to do, and that it may be done for the glory of God. May we all in giving tithes give to the Lord, and not to the minister, that we may receive from the Lord.

Your sister,

L. S. HAVENS.

ONE BAPTIZED.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 28th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—We troubled the waters this evening by baptizing one who is the head of a family. One who will greatly add to the cause here. There are others who may come in the near future. I start Tuesday for a short visit to Johnstown, Conemaugh, Altoona, Roaring Springs and New Enterprise, all in Pa. May the Lord use me for some little good while gone.

Yours Fraternally,

D. J. BOLE.

POSTAL REPORT.

NEEDMORE, OHIO, May 28th, 1894.

BRO. HARRISON:—Our communion on the 19th came off with much interest and great benefit to all who engaged in the holy service. On account of the very inclement weather, many brethren and sisters were not permitted to be with us. Over thirty communed. Brethren J. M. Bowman, Dr. Garst, C. E. Deffenbaugh and Bro. Deffenbaugh of Glenford, Ohio, were with us on this very important occasion. We enjoyed their acquaintance very much; come again brethren. Church and Sunday school in good shape; thank the Lord for this.

Fraternally,

I. INBODY.

OUR TRIP TO CARLETON.

BEATRICE, NEB.

On May 11th, I hitched to the carriage and with the family started for Carleton, a distance of about sixty miles, to attend a communion. Every thing looked well along the road except crops needing rain.

We reached Carleton about seven o'clock on the same day. We stopped at Brother R. Cleppinger's and heard Brother McFaden preach a very interesting sermon on the night of the 11th and the night of the 12th, we met in communion—the first time I ever went there on such an occasion.

I was very agreeably surprised to find so many of our members living there and that Carleton has so many young members.

I was invited to say something on the 13th, at young people's meeting, but owing to the sleepy condition of our church here in Beatrice, the effect it has had on me to meet in such good meeting of our own, I just could not say a word. But I enjoyed my visit very much, and I would ask them to see if we cannot get better acquainted from this on.

We have had many good enjoyable times here in Beatrice such as chautauqua, etc and we would be pleased to meet with as many of them as could conveniently be with us. Our church is at a standstill just now, but the time will come when we will have our own meetings again in our own church. I would not have the Brotherhood think we had quit—we have only leased the building for a while, until we gain a little financially.

Oh, how I would like to meet with those brethren and sisters in Carleton in their Bible studies and Christian Endeavor meeting! but we must not murmur, for every thing "works together for good to them that love the Lord." Pray for us brethren that what few of us are left, may hold out faithful until the end.

We are going to see if we cannot get a little assistance from Brother McFaden. I see that he speaks the truth as he sees it, let it hit where it may. We in Beatrice are no exception to common humanity. I think a good waking up by a man that is not afraid to speak out against the evils of the day would very much assist us in seeing where we stand, and where we might have been had we pulled together as we should.

Not wishing to tire you, and promising to write again if this does not find its way to the waste basket, I remain yours in the true faith once delivered to the saints

J. S. ATHERTON.

DIVINE HEALING.

DEAR EDITOR:—The Brethren seem to be somewhat confused on the subject of Divine healing, (like a swarm of bees that are disturbed.) Now I would say, let us stand upon the Rock of Ages. Take God at his word and believe there are yet some righteous

among us and that the prayers of the righteous availeth much and if any are sick let us call for the elders to pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord, trusting that if it is the Lord's desire or will to restore them to health, he will do so. Let us not deny God the power simply because "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." "Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness." But let us so live and pray that our prayers may ascend up to God, pleasing and acceptable and not as an abomination. Amen.

A brother sound in THE faith,
J. W. FUNK.

GOSHEN, IND., May 30th, 1894.

I baptized seven since my last report. We have thirty members in the Mt. Union church at present and outlook bright. Lost one by death. Brother Frank Inbody was buried April 20th. This was the saddest event in the history of our church and our first loss. Our loss is his gain. Our communion is an event of the past and a glorious time it was. About forty at the tables and all seemed to enjoy the services. We are growing in grace and knowledge.

Yours for Christ,
A. S. MENAUGH.

ERRATA.

LUDLOW FALLS, May 29th, 1894.

In the article entitled "Does not Believe God Heals," on page 11 of BRETHREN EVANGELIST No. 21, May 23rd, in the fourth paragraph, next to last line, read, may be as perfectly cured, etc. In the second column and fifth line from the bottom, the word *spiritual* should be scriptural.

In the third column and fourth entire paragraph, end of third line, read, and *is within* the power of magnetism to cure, etc.

Very respectfully,
A. PEARSON.

MONTHLY REPORT.

LA PAZ, IND., June 1, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR EVANGELIST:—Our last quarterly meeting was held on May 19th. Had a very good and pleasant meeting. We decided to have a communion meeting on June 14th, at the school house known as the Chabaugh school house. An invitation is extended to all who can be with us. Your unworthy servant was chosen secretary to send monthly reports to the EVANGELIST. We have preaching by I. N. Miller, of South Bend, two sermons a month at our place, one sermon at La Paz. We have a Brethren Sabbath school doing much good work. We also have a lively prayer-meeting. Our prayer meetings are on Sunday evenings. The Saints have taken some members from us. But we hope they will take no more for our number is already small and scattered.

MRS. S. C. HOSTETLER.

LEON, IOWA, May 26th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—Two weeks ago yesterday, Sister Flora came to Leon to fill her regular appointment. Had meeting Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. She preached three splendid sermons and had a large crowd Sunday and Sunday night. Brother Thomas is here today. We have very interesting meetings.

We will hold a communion Saturday evening, June 9th, and desire all the brethren and sisters that can to attend. Hoping the Lord will bless the efforts of his children in the work, I remain yours in love,

M. P. GABBER.

ECHOES FROM SOUTHERN KANSAS.

I closed my last year's labors for the Brethren in Sumner and Cowley Counties, Kansas, in April with Love feasts at South-haven and Mulvane, and a disappointment at Winfield on account of sickness at home. These classes have faithfully labored and sacrificed. God has blessed them spiritually, and added during the year twenty-four members to their number. Three Sunday schools have been organized and three classes for Bible study and prayer, with growth in true vital piety. In my farewell to these classes as pastor I want to publicly acknowledge and express my thanks for their unremitting kindness, and especially for the valuable quilt presented me at Mulvane. Through life I shall hold you dear and pray God's blessing upon you. Arrangements are now pending with C. F. Yoder to supply them with preaching for next year, which I hope may be pleasant and profitable to both church and pastor. For myself I will have plenty to do. The class at Nickerson will receive two Sundays per month; and between filling calls, and squaring up and untangling myself financially, I have all I can do. Saturday, May 25th, by request of Bro. James Paxton, I went to Seward, Stafford Co., Kansas, preached two sermons in the Christian church to a very attentive audience, and on Sunday I received Bro. and Sister Paxton into fellowship in the Brethren church. Visited and read the Bible with Mr. Andrew Sears and wife and left her an applicant for baptism in the near future, when I hope her husband also may be ready. With proper care and a series of meetings in the fall by the Mission Board this may prove a nucleus for another Brethren church.

JACOB W. BEER.

DOWAGIAC, MICH., June 1st, 1894.

This is postal report for May 11, Bethel church, Mich.

We are still striving for the better land. Preaching, nearly every Sunday. Also prayer meeting Wednesday evening and a flourishing Sunday school with an average of about seventy-five or eighty, with fair collections. We shall try with all our might to maintain a Brethren church here, notwithstanding all of our trials and disappointments. I have almost learned one thing that old Bro. Paul learned, and that is to have no confidence in the flesh.

WALTER CLARK.